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SUBJ: REMARKS BY MAKARIOS TO PRESS IN CRETE

1. IN THE COURSE OF A SHORT STOPOVER AT HERAKLION (CRETE) AIRPORT EN ROUTE TO LIBYA ON JUNE 24, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS MET BRIEFLY WITH THE PRESS. THREE ATHENS MORNING NEWSPAPERS ON JUNE 25 CARRY REPORTS OF HIS REMARKS. HEADLINE OF CENTER-OPPOSITION TO VIMA STORY ON FRONT PAGE READS "KISSINGER'S ROLE AT EXPENSE OF CYPRUS". AVGHI (COMMUNIST PARTY-INTERIOR) CARRIED TWO COLUMN BACK PAGE STORY WITH SIMILAR HEADLINE, WHILE CONSERVATIVE ELEFTHEROS COSMOS PLACED ITEM ON INSIDE PAGE.

2. THE PRINCIPAL POINTS MADE BY MAKARIOS ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS INCLUDED: (A) "THE ROLE OF KISSINGER ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM UNTIL TODAY IS AT THE EXPENSE OF CYPRUS"; (B) TURKEY WILL DEMONSTRATE MODERATION REGARDING CYPRUS ONLY IF THE CUT-OFF OF AMERICAN MILITARY AID CONTINUES (C) AMERICA COULD HAVE PREVENTED THE INITIAL TURKISH INVASION AND CERTAINLY ITS SUBSEQUENT SECOND PHASE; (D) THE COUP OF JULY 15 "OPENED THE DOORS" FOR THE TURKS TO COME INTO CYPRUS; (E) THE PUNISHMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CYPRUS COUP IS A MATTER FOR THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO DEAL  
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WITH; (F) WHILE THE STAND OF THE SOVIET UNION ON CYPUS

HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE, THERE HAS NEVERTHELESS BEEN NO  
CONCRETE ASSISTANCE ON ITS PART.

3. MAKARIOS SAID HIS VISIT TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES  
ARE AIMED AT REINVIGORATING THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN  
THEM AND CYPRUS. HE HAD FOUND THAT THE ARABS SUPPORT A  
JUST SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WHICH GUARANTEES THE  
TERRITORIAL INTERGRITY OF CYPRUS.  
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